GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:285
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2008
CENTRAL ROAD FUND
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds collected under the Central Road Fund (CRF) for development of State roads during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the States are not being given their share from this Fund in proportion to the cess collected on petrol and diesel from each State;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the total length of roads constructed / developed in the country by utilizing the aforesaid Fund, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 285 FOR ANSWER ON 19TH MARCH, 2008 ASKED BY SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN AND SHRI ALOK KUMAR MEHTA REGARDING CENTRAL ROAD FUND.

(a) The cess collected on petrol and diesel is utilized for the development and maintenance of National Highways, development of rural roads, development and maintenance of other state roads including roads of interstate connectivity and economic importance, construction of roads either under or over the railways by means of a bridge and erection of safety works at unmanned rail-road crossings and disbursement in respect of such projects as may be prescribed under the Central Road Fund Act, 2000 (the CRF Act, 2000). Out of the total allocation from CRF the allocation of funds for development of State Roads for each of the last three years is as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	Allocation for development of State Roads
2004-05	868.00
2005-06	1535.36
2006-07	1535.46

(b) & (c) : Allocation of funds from the Central Road Fund to each State is made on the basis of 60% of consumption of petrol & diesel and 40% on geographical area of the respective State.

(d) : A statement showing State-wise total length of roads approved for development in the country during the last three years from CRF is given at Annexure.